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1. [] Left with Chris Jackson, in the office of Senator Hubert Humphrey, a suggested reply to a constituent inquiry from [] of St. Paul, Minnesota, who expressed interest in Agency employment.

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3. [] CA Staff, called to say the State Department had advised him that Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations Abshire and other State representatives met with Senator Clifford P. Case today on the subject of Radio Free Europe. They said Senator Case was not hostile and indicated he would not push for hearings in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on his resolution to provide overt Government funding for RFE and Radio Liberty in view of the studies which are currently being made in the Executive Branch to resolve this problem. Senator Case made it clear, however, that he would not accept continued covert financing as a permanent solution and that he did not intend to wait indefinitely for Executive Branch resolution of the issue.

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4. [] Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, regarding Chairman Stennis' request for a world roundup briefing next Thursday. I told Braswell that the Director would much prefer to do this on Friday if it was at all possible. After talking with Senator Stennis, Braswell called back and said the Senator was most anxious to have the Agency briefing on Thursday followed by a DIA briefing on Friday. I told Braswell that under the circumstances I was sure the Director would give the briefing on Thursday, 4 March, and Braswell is scheduling it for 10 a.m. on that date.

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5. [] Talked with Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, about the Committee's request that the Director give them a world roundup briefing. We tried to schedule this for Friday, 12 March, but Marcy said key members of the Committee who should be present are unavailable on Friday and asked if it was at all possible for the Director to give the briefing on Thursday, 11 March, at 10 a.m. I told Marcy I thought this could be arranged, but I would want to doublecheck with the Director before confirming that date.

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6. [] Jim Gehrig, Staff Director, Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences, called and said Chairman Anderson had asked that we give Senator Carl Curtis (R., Neb.), new ranking minority member of the Committee, a full briefing on the Soviet space programs some afternoon next week. He specifically asked that this be given by Mr. Duckett. I told Gehrig I would check with Mr. Duckett and be back in touch with him.

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7. [] Mr. Roscoe Lewis, Operations Officer, Office of Deputy Director for Coordination, Department of State, called about a constituent inquiry that had been referred to them by Senator Charles Percy's (R., Ill.) office. The inquiry concerned the Jack Anderson column alleging that CIA agents had attempted to assassinate Castro. Lewis proposes to reply using Anderson's own statements quoting John McCone on this. I told Lewis this was just the way we would handle this inquiry and added I would call the matter to the attention of []

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8. [] Accompanied Bruce Clarke to a briefing of Messrs. James Kendall, Chief Counsel, and Ben Gilleas, Director of Investigations, Senate Subcommittee on Preparedness Investigation, on the Soviet threat to the continental U.S. Mr. Clarke thoroughly reviewed the Soviet missile, aircraft, and submarine programs to the complete satisfaction of Kendall and Gilleas. They also expressed their appreciation for the briefing.

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9. [] In response to his call, I met with Mr. Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, who requested that a detailed review of the Soviet Navy to include the classes, types and numbers of vessels be included in the Director's briefing of the Defense Subcommittee on Tuesday and Wednesday, 2 and 3 March. Mr. Preston also said that it appears at present that the full two-day schedule for the briefings will be utilized.

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I briefed Mr. Preston on []

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10. [] After conferring with [] FE, I met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee and briefed him orally on Agency personnel strengths and costs of operations in Laos. This was by way of followup to Blandford's request of yesterday. Mr. Blandford was not available in his office during the afternoon.

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I briefed Mr. Slatinshek on []

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11. [] Mr. Stark, in the office of Representative John G. Schmitz (R., Calif.) requested a subscription to the [] Book, which request was related to [] Mr. Stark said the ten-day delay in obtaining the first issue poses no problem.

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